



OWN PARK SITE—Alma, left, Joseph T. and Nephi Huber, members of pioneer family which has large holdings in the proposed Wasatch State Park area, recall early-day experiences while living in the isolated area. Clock at right is 65 years old.



OLDEST HOUSE—The Hubers stand on porch of first home built in Snake Creek Canyon 85 years ago. Though the snow falls heavy and deep in the area, the structure has remained a sturdy monument to its pioneer builder.

Wasatch Project Development

6 Farmers Sign Park Options

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HEBER CITY—Six Midway farmers have signed options with the Utah State Parks and Recreation Commissioners in the latest development of the Wasatch State Park project. H. Clay Cummings, Utah Parks commission representative, reports that others are expressing willingness to complete negotiations.

Alma Huber, Glen Zenger, Randall Schear, Owen Probst, Eddie Epperson and Joe Huber, are the farmers whose signatures the state has obtained to this date. There are numerous small lots to be bought. Much of the property to be acquired is within the family relationship here. There is now no question but what the state park will become a reality.

Between the different members of the Huber family there is an estimate of around 2,500 acres involved in the state park site.

Hubers' apples have been known all over the valley. The first and last carload of apples that ever left Wasatch County was sent from the the Huber place.

Apple Tree Starts

They were bought by the William M. Roylance Co. of Provo, Utah. Abram Hatch, first president of the Wasatch Stake gave Mr. Huber their first start of apple trees. This started the "Huber Grove." Their yellow transparent apples have been known all over the valley. One tree 80 years old is still yielding apples. The Hubers would like to see the state park keep an apple orchard.

Sometimes three months passed before the Hubers could get into town during the long winters.

Nephi and Joe recalled driving four head of oxen up the canyon hitched to a cart around the age of eight. It was very steep coming back. The cart had to be rough locked.

View Of Site

From the Huber Ranch you can look out over the park site and the beautiful Midway Valley. Possibilities for a year-round sports resort are clearly evident.

H. Clay Cummings stated that Midway residents have expressed a desire to see a little Swiss village built up on Mill Creek Flat. The park commission is very much interested in it and hopeful that it will develop into a year-round concession.

"It is also proposed to build an amphitheater that will seat from 10,000 to 15,000 people. Local productions could be presented for a week at a time. Offers have been made from the universities to help produce some plays. This has been inspired by the traditional Swiss program produced and presented in Midway each year," he said.

Many letters have been received from former residents requesting small pieces of ground for summer cabins up Snake Creek. Some of these people still cherish fond memories of this beautiful valley.